

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020



“Bread from Heaven”
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church

Saint Patrick Parish

Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



Saint Patrick Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE:

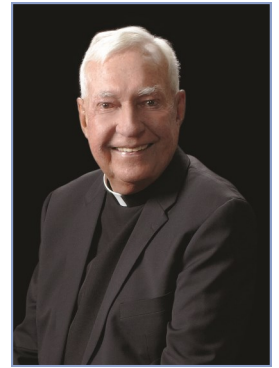
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The final chapters of Isaiah (56-66) were likely addressed to Jews recently returned from exile in Babylon. A prophet, often referred to as Third Isaiah, wrote to them in the spirit of Isaiah, who had prophesied before the exile. Now that they are back in the land God had given them, this later prophet urges them to be faithful to the covenant by obeying all that God commanded, both religious and social practices. They seem to observe religious rituals such as fasting, donning sackcloth and lying down in ashes, but the prophet focuses on their obligation to care for one another. Today's reading following his warning that pious acts are empty of meaning if they are disconnected from deeds of compassion. He tells them, in fact, that feeding, sheltering and clothing those in need are the kinds of fasting the Lord desires. When people demonstrate such care, God's saving actions will follow. Light will break forth, wounds will be healed, there will be vindication and glory, answers to pleas, and removing of oppression.

Early in his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains how his proclamation of the mystery of God contrasts dramatically with the so-called wisdom of Greek orators. Orators were known for their eloquence and human wisdom. On the other hand, Paul presents himself as coming in weakness, fear and trembling. By downplaying himself, Paul focuses on the message and not the messenger. Paul himself is weak, but the message is powerful and a manifestation of God's Spirit. Yet even the message of Christ crucified seems devoid of wisdom. How could a crucified Messiah be a manifestation of power. Paul shows forth the power of God in humility, weakness and apparent scandal. By unfolding the mystery of Christ crucified, Paul is showing the stark contrast between divine and human wisdom. He wants them not to base their faith on cleverness but on the power of God.

Today's gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mount and follows the listing of beatitudes. He uses two images: salt and light. The first image,

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

presents Jesus' disciples as providing flavor and preservation for the community. Without salt, food will lose its taste and become spoiled. The second image is light, another multifaceted symbol. It evokes divine creative power that guides the footsteps of God's people, enlightens their minds and gives them comfort and warmth. Neither hiding nor fearful, the disciples radiate this light for the benefit of others.

Our week of the Overflow Homeless Shelter is now finished, and I'm particularly grateful to Angie Kontur for her leadership of several years with this project. We find that more and more, we are dealing not only with homeless people but with people who have serious mental illness and are not only unable to care for themselves, but can become violent or act out other strange behavior. Last year, we had to call the police almost every night. This year, we hired security people to be here every night from 7 PM when the people arrive until 7 AM the next morning when they leave. We and other churches are evaluating our ability to continue to do this work, because our volunteers are not trained to deal with the mentally ill and it is becoming more and more a serious problem. We can't expect our volunteers to have to break up fights, clean up the mess if someone comes to the shelter drunk and gets sick, etc. Angie and other chairs met and they have decided to continue hosting the shelter. The added security and checking all of the bags and luggage that come in every night have made a huge difference. Thanks again for your support of this worthwhile project.

One of the largest parishes in our diocese announced recently that everyone on the staff is taking a 20% cut in pay because revenue is down so dramatically. I am very fortunate here at St. Patrick's with your generosity in supporting the parish.

During 2019, 67,583 people formally left the church in Austria. Because people indicate on their income tax which denomination they wish to share a percentage of their taxes, it is easier to track how many are leaving or staying in the church. Also, the number of priests is dropping dramatically. In 2017, there were 1,920 priests for 4.98 million Catholics. By 2018, that number has declined to 1,814. The report also noted the dramatic rise in the average age of a priest in the country.

We are insulating the attic of the rectory and I've never been up there so decided to walk up there. I was completely blown away. You could build a house inside that attic. In the middle it is 18 feet high, there is an absolutely enormous room with little side rooms going off of it. I had no idea all of that was up there. You can't imagine how much insulation it is taking to complete the work!

The annual Catholic Services Appeal gets underway shortly. This is the largest fundraiser for the diocese and funds Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the Priests' Retirement Home, etc. Each parish, as you know, is assessed a set amount which we are required to pay. Any money raised beyond that remains in the parish. Our assessment again increased this year from \$87,000 to over \$94,000. That is simply because our income increases each year while most other parishes are seeing a decrease. Each parishioner will receive a letter from me shortly asking if you can participate in this appeal. All I ask is that you discuss it among yourselves and do what you can do. Some can make a pledge; some can make a very generous pledge; others can't give anything. That is perfectly fine. All I ask is that we try to do what we can. Last year we raised over \$119,400 which left us a nice amount for the parish. Our goal this year is \$120,000, which, if achieved, would give the parish over \$25,000.

I'm happy to tell you that of the more than \$119,400 that was pledged last year, we are only \$400 short. That's an incredible figure. Thank you for your support.

We have been talking about replacing the baseboard heating on the first floor of the rectory. About 50 years ago, they removed all the radiators and replaced them with baseboard heating, and it simply isn't doing the job. The first floor is cold. We looked at replacing the radiators, but find that is impossible, so we're going to put in new baseboard heating and that should be able to do the trick.

The second grade religion class was studying the Book of Proverbs. To illustrate what proverbs are, Sister collected the first phrase of a bunch of traditional ones and asked the children to creatively complete them. Here are some results: "Better to be safe than - punch a fifth grader."....."Strike while - the bug is close."....."Don't bite the hand - that looks dirty."....."A penny saved—is not very much."....."Children should be seen and not—spanked or grounded."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,520.00
Online Giving	<u>2,248.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,768.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us *Welcome*
Everett Xavier Fischer
 child of
Daniel & Kristen (Werder) Fischer
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday



The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Robert D. Gallo
 from Abby & Matt Lechner

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ◆ **Marx & Mike Beuchert** from Thomas & Jan Clancey
- ◆ **Barb Coughlin** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich
- ◆ **James, Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Gabriel C. Deely** from Jodie Laughlin
- ◆ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis
- ◆ **Chesko & Murphy families** from Patrick Murphy
- ◆ **Laura Russo** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ◆ **Luke Purvis** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ◆ **Firman & Mildred Shoff** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ◆ **Sr. Dorothy Scypinski, OSB** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ◆ **Rudler & Griffey families** from Ron & Karen Rudler
- ◆ **Chris Longnecker** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ◆ **Robert & Phyllis Williams** from Mary Williams

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, Ann Downing, Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Jay & Carol Habas, Francis Hart, Kathleen Horan, Phil & Judy Kelly, Karl & Virginia Kelm, Ken & Pattie Marchant, Joe & Judy Pitetti and Stan & Roselle Walkiewicz

Special Thank You!!!
 to **PANERA BREAD &**
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky, Vickie Lampe, Kay Mannino, James Salter*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,*

1 NEEDED

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Lisa Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Kathleen McCabe, Barb Fischer*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies,*

1 NEEDED

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae, Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Ushers: *Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey*

If you are disabled and cannot walk to receive communion, please help the Eucharistic Ministers by putting a white stole on the end of the pew, (The stoles are available in the vestibule on the bookshelf.) AND please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents shine their own guiding light by their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Feb. 8 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTRE)

Feb. 9 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

10:30 AM JERRY EMLING (PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

Feb. 10 *Monday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (VIENNA COCUZZI)

Feb. 11 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE SERTZ (FAMILY)

Feb. 12 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (FAMILY)

Feb. 13 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

Feb. 14 *Friday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 15 *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM SR. MARY JULIA, SSJ (PAT HEASLEY)

Feb. 16 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM CAROL BEVERLY FEEHLEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(MARY THERESE & FRANK RILEY)

10:30 AM WILLIAM SCHLAUDECKER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 2/14
(JUDY COUGHLIN)



222 DAYS TO THE 2020 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

**A CALL TO ARMS (AND LEGS, HANDS,
MINDS, ETC.)**

**FESTIVAL CHAIR MEETING, AFTER MASS,
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23.**

All festival chairpersons are requested to attend. We will wrap up 2019 and firm up plans for 2020. Please bring with you a list of what worked for you in 2019 and what we can do to make it better for you in 2020. We will also discuss the new Festival Storage Building and your storage needs. In the food pantry room behind the church.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD CHAIRS.

We're looking to fill a few festival chair slots. You can be an understudy this year and take over in 2021. Need a chair person to organize the set-up, one to organize the decorations, one to organize the cleaning crews, one to organize the tear down. We will mentor you, support you, and thank you. Let me know if you are interested in joining the best festival team in Erie (or anywhere else for that matter). Or show up at the festival chair meeting on February 23—no commitment, no salesman will call, just dip your toes in the water.

At the 2019 Festival Becky and I had the fun of sitting in the Sports Tent with Dave and Sue Taccone for a few minutes over a cold one. Dave had just retired from years of chairing the beer booths and Sue from just as many running the dessert bar. "You know," Dave said, "we've never been able to just sit and enjoy the festival before. This is really great." Sue agreed. So, if you volunteer to take over a chairperson's slot, you'll have the added satisfaction of giving one of our long-serving, hard-working chairs a chance to sit, relax, and finally just enjoy our fantastic Festival.

THEY'RE BA-ACK!

We have just confirmed the ***Screaming Orphans*** will return for an extra special end of Festival set on Sunday, September 20. And, in addition to the return of the hottest Irish band in the world, we are stacking this year's entertainment with top quality bands from Ireland and around the USA like never before. We knocked your socks off in the past, hold onto your drawers this year!

Gary Johnson, 2020 Festival Co-Chair. Email me with questions, suggestions, or if you are interested in joining the team. gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory

02/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/11 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

02/12 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

02/15 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Surviving Divorce Ministry, a 12 week group to help those who are separated or divorced, will run on Wednesdays from February 12—May 6, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (Cost - \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, (814-824-1261, or email:

famiylife@eriercd.org for more information and/or to register

Mercyhurst University offers sacred music for Lent

The Mercyhurst University
Concert Choir and Chamber
Choir, conducted by Thomas

Brooks, will present a concert of sacred music Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. in preparation for the Lenten season. The event will be held at the Walker Recital Hall on the E. 38th Street campus in Erie. Tickets are \$6 for the general public; \$3 for Mercyhurst students and staff and youths 12 and under. For more information, call 814-824-2394 or email: dangelomusic@mercyhurst.edu



Attend Outdoor Adventures event to benefit L'Arche

L'Arche Erie will host its annual Outdoor Adventures Raffle on Feb. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Pre-sale ticket prices are \$20 each, or two for \$30 (pre-sale ends Feb. 13). Tickets at the door are \$20 each. Ticket and event information can be found at www.larcherie.org or by contacting Sandie Wheeler at development@larcherie.org or 814-452-2065. Admission includes food and beverages and a chance to win one of the 20 door prizes.

Bulldog Boogie planned February 15



Enjoy a fun evening of dancing and refreshments at the Bulldog Boogie at Blessed Sacrament Church's Geiger Hall, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, on Feb. 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The featured band is The Groove. The cost is \$25 per person. BYOB. Snacks will be provided or bring your own. All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament Scholarship Fund. Must be 21 to attend. For information and to purchase tickets, go to www.eriecatholic.org/bss or go to the school or parish office.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Lenten Orders February 1st until February 23rd, 2020
PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER

PIEROGI:
\$15.00/Dozen OR \$8.50/Half Dozen
POTATO PANCAKE BATTER:
\$5.00/Pint
\$8.00/Quart
\$15.00/2 Quarts

FAX orders to: (814) 461-1150
CALL orders in to (814) 456-0671 (office) or (814) 456-9970 (Edith)

MAIL orders to: Holy Trinity Parish
2220 Reed Street Erie, PA 16503

Order pick up dates:
Wednesday February 26th
(4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m.)
OR

Saturday, February 29th
(Between 10:00-11:00am)

HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER
23rd and Reed Streets



"The Bag Mat Ministry will be meeting on **February 23rd** in the SH Auditorium immediately following the 10:00 mass (approximately 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m). **NO CROCHETING** experience needed! We will



provide everything necessary for you to take part in this event. We need bag: flatteners, stackers, cutters, loopers, ballers, as well as crocheters!! Any donations of travel size health and beauty care, underclothing, socks, and warm weather wear can also be donated along with spare plastic bags in the containers at Sacred Heart & St. Andrew's church marked for the Bag Mat Ministry. You can also bring any items along with you on the of the event. If you need **SERVICE HOURS** this is an awesome way to earn them as well as help someone out!! So bring a bag lunch and come join the fun!!"

22:32 MEN
2020 CONFERENCE

Be Strengthened and Strengthen Your Brothers!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Event

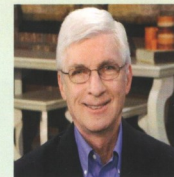
Our Lady of Peace Parish
2401 West 38th St. - Erie, PA 16506

All Faiths are Welcome!

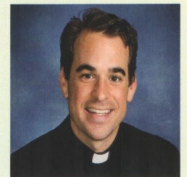
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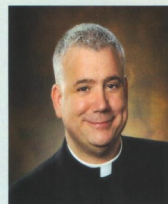
CHRIS PADGETT



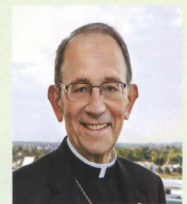
DR. RALPH MARTIN



FR. MICHAEL DENK



Master of Ceremonies
FR. LARRY RICHARDS



Mass with
BISHOP LAWRENCE PERSICO



\$40/Adult
\$25/College Student
\$10/High School Student
Group Rates for 8 or More
Registration includes
LUNCH and FREE PARKING!

"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
LUKE 22:32

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
for more details and to register.



LENTEN PRACTICES 2020

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 9, 2020.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2020. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
1626 West 26th Street
Invites you to their delicious
LENTEN DINNERS

**FEATURING BAKED SCROD DINNER,
CHEESE RAVIOLI DINNER
and MACARONI and CHEESE DINNER**

Friday, March 6th, March 13th and March 27th
4:30 – 7:00pm
Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria

Adults \$11.00 Fish
\$10.00 Cheese Ravioli Dinner
\$7.00 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner

Children under 12 \$6.00 Fish or
Cheese Ravioli Dinners
\$4.00 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner

Take outs available

Bake Sale Table – stop by for some delicious goodies!!

Plan to attend the Shadow Drama of the Stations of the Cross

Save the date for the contemporary Shadow Drama of the Stations of the Cross at **Holy Cross Church**, 7100 W. Ridge

Road, Fairview, **March 8 at 6:30 p.m.** All

are welcome to join this Lenten experience presented by the youth of the parish. For further details, go to www.hc-parish.org or call 814-474-2605.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory